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## INFORMATION REPORT

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a mountain mortar unit, 25X1

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4. The unit had about eighty 107 m.m. Soviet mortars. The range of the mortar was about five kilometers. For movements, the mortar was broken down into base plate, barrel, and bipod. The base plate was mounted on top of a pack saddle and ammunition was carried on each side of the saddle. The barrel was loaded on top of a pack saddle, with the bipod on one side and ammunition on the other side. The total weight of the mortar was 170 kilograms; the barrel weighed 47 kilograms, the bipod 36 kilograms, and the base plate 87 kilograms.

was quartered in the Uznove barracks. The unit had 600-700 officers and men, about 150 mules, and over a hundred horses. The unit had three battalions and

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3. In 1951 the Independent Mountain Regiment

a Staff School.

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